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David R. Hathaway)	Group Art Unit 3731
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PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.

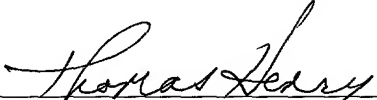
IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-36.

REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of the above application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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